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Timely Tidbits ...

See You Next Year!

The friendly staff of "the little paper" will be taking an extra two weeks off before publishing our next issue, which will appear on January 15, 1999 – not January 1. We wish our readers a happy, healthy holiday season, and look forward to seeing and serving you all next year.

AAA Hotline

As part of its "Icicle Network" services, AAA Michigan has added regularly updated bulletins about area road conditions to its already popular Construction Hotline. To take advantage of this free service, call 1-800-AAA-MICH.

Youths To Be Locked Up for New Year's Eve

With its dual emphasis on safety and fun, the second annual "Drug-free New Year's Eve Lock-in" will be the place to be for youths ages 13–18.

The idea for the all-night party originated with the Romulus Pastors' Fellowship, an organization with membership from several local churches. As it did last year, the group has contacted and worked with people from our city and schools, churches, civic organizations, and local businesses to orchestrate an evening of diverse activities sure to appeal to everyone.

Among the event's attractions:

- contemporary music played by a live band;
- additional entertainment courtesy of DJ Chad Moore;
- movies;
- tournaments (with prizes) for volleyball and basketball;
- a variety of party games;
- door prizes; and
- lots of good food.

Party-goers will be admitted at Romulus High School anytime between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., after which doors will be locked until 6 a.m. Admission is \$8.

For more information, please call either Pastor Neil Swanger (734-722-9638) or Steve Adams (734-941-1511). □

Late Legislative Action Benefits City

"Two of the top priorities of residents of the City of Romulus – promoting economic development in the I-94 corridor and monitoring the proposed development of a deep injection well for hazardous waste storage – are moving forward thanks to two bills which were approved by the Michigan Legislature during its final days of session," said State Representative Raymond E. Basham (D-Taylor), who sponsored both bills.

The first, House Bill 6175, will permit the City of Romulus Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) to appropriate \$14 million to complete a \$20-million redevelopment near the Vining Road interchange off of Interstate 94. (The City had committed \$6 million to build the interchange.) The redevelopment was delayed by the passage of Proposal A, which blocked the use of local property-tax revenue to finance public infrastructure improvements.

Completion of the project will allow the City of Romulus to finance local road improvements and commercial development.

"This legislation frees millions of economic-development dollars to bring jobs to the Romulus-Taylor area," said Representative Basham. "Completion of the development near I-94 will create new businesses and new jobs, generate new tax revenue for the City of Romulus, and stabilize property taxes for Romulus residents. It's a win-win-win situation for employers, workers, and taxpayers."

Also pleased about the bill's passage was Romulus Mayor William M. Oakley.

"This legislation is the result of our elected representatives working together for the good of Romulus. We are especially grateful to Representative Basham in the House and Loren Bennett in the Senate for their support of this project."

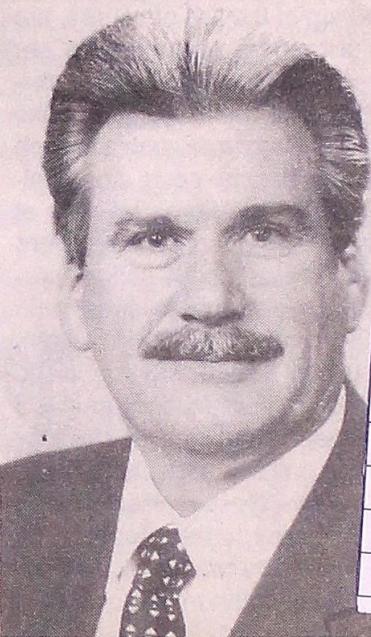
The second of Basham's bills, House Bill 5294, creates a special mineral-well regulatory fund – financed through fees paid by well drillers – to create new jobs at the Department of Environmental Quality to monitor the construction and operation of deep injection wells such as the one which Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), is seeking to operate in the City of Romulus.

"Oversight isn't just important if the proposed well in Romulus goes forward," said Basham, who has joined forces with Romulus residents who oppose the EDS project. "It's critical to have it for existing wells across the State."

"People deserve to know that these wells are operating as promised," he continued. "My legislation puts new people on the ground to oversee what is going on with deep injection drilling, and also makes sure that taxpayers don't have to pay for the monitoring."

Basham's bill sets up a fee structure, ranging between \$500 and \$2,500, for well-drillers. The fees will raise about \$400,000 to fund the Department of Environmental Quality's inspections.

Both bills have passed the House and the Senate, and are currently awaiting the signature of Governor John Engler. □

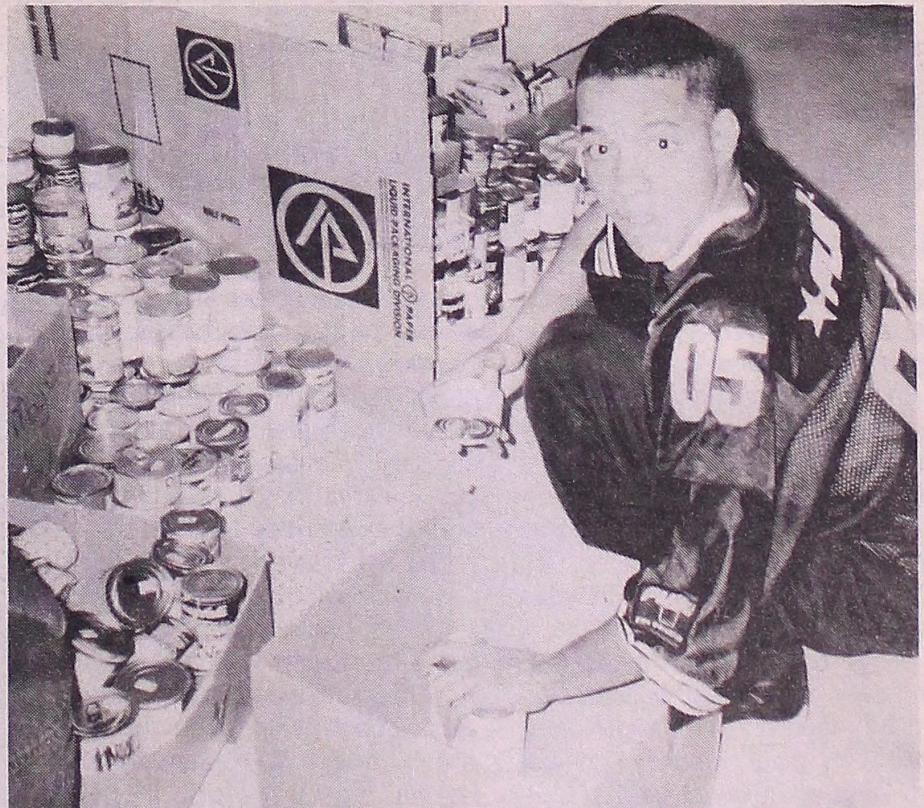


Representative Ray Basham

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Goodfellow Volunteers Make Holidays Happier for Hundreds of Families



Romulus High School student Joe Brown, who packed food boxes for the Romulus Goodfellows on Thursday, December 17, is one of many local people who have volunteered their time and/or given generously from their pockets to make this holiday a special one for hundreds of Romulus families. Inside this issue, you'll find a number of stories about people like Joe. We hope they'll fill you with the true spirit of the season.

The Editor's Opinion

Season's Greetings from Our Staff

By Kristi Stephens

As many people do during the holiday season, we at *The Romulus News* are taking time to reflect on the countless blessings for which we are so very thankful.

At the top of the list, of course, are the faithful readers whom we do our best to serve with our "hometown" format. The fact that other area papers like *The Romulus Roman* do such a fine job of covering traditional news stories allows us to offer an alternative type of paper – one that's geared more toward "small-town" news about school programs, senior-citizen activities, and community events. Time and time again, you call us, write us, or stop us in the street to tell us how much you enjoy reading a paper that puts a stronger focus on the positive aspects of life in our community. We just want you to know that we enjoy putting it together as much as you enjoy reading it, and we appreciate your support and interest. Hopefully, you'll continue to let us know what features you like most (and least) about our paper. We're always open to your suggestions.

And that brings us to three other groups of people who deserve our most heartfelt thanks, as well. They are:

- the people who go out of their way to keep us informed, and who always find the time to answer our questions (there are too many of you to list here, but you – and we – know who you are!),
- the people who allow us to distribute our paper through their fine business establishments, and
- the faithful advertisers who make it possible for us to provide you with a free source of information about events that affect and/or take place in our city.

Inside this issue, you'll find holiday greetings and best wishes from numerous local businesses (and a couple of your elected officials) that truly appreciate the support you've given them over the past year. The proprietors of these businesses are happy to take advantage of a source of advertising that benefits their customers as much as it does them. We hope that you'll continue to keep their community-spiritedness in mind each time you shop for goods and services that are available right here in our area.

In closing, all of us at "the little paper" would like to wish each and every one of you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous new year. □

Letter to the Editor

Community Breakfast Builds Bridges

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity. The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and brevity.

On Friday, December 4, Romulus Head Start staff and family members hosted a Community Breakfast for representatives from local businesses, community agencies, the City of Romulus, and Romulus Community Schools. The purpose of the event was to familiarize attendees with the Head Start program, build community partnerships and support, and provide networking opportunities.

While guests enjoyed their breakfast, children enrolled in the Head Start Full Day/Full Year classrooms entertained the group with songs. Sue Wana-

maker, Romulus Head Start Site Leader, opened the program by describing Head Start's requirements and programming, as well as the comprehensive services that are offered to participating families and the different ways that Head Start is able to partner with the community.

Afterward, the participants introduced themselves and gave information on how their agency or business could work with Head Start to provide greater resources to Romulus families.

The room was filled with the conversations of people exchanging ideas and information. The Community Breakfast was a great success.

This is just the beginning of building bridges in our community, which we hope will result in comprehensive service for our children and families.

Sincerely,
Dianna Thomas, R.D.
Nutrition Specialist
Romulus Head Start □

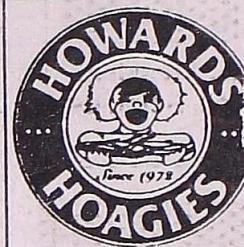
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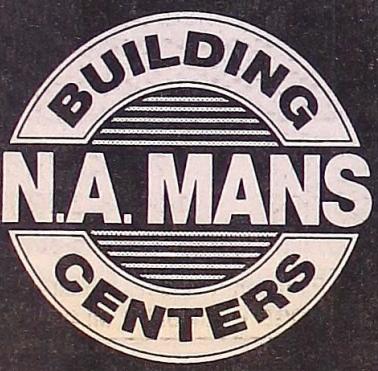
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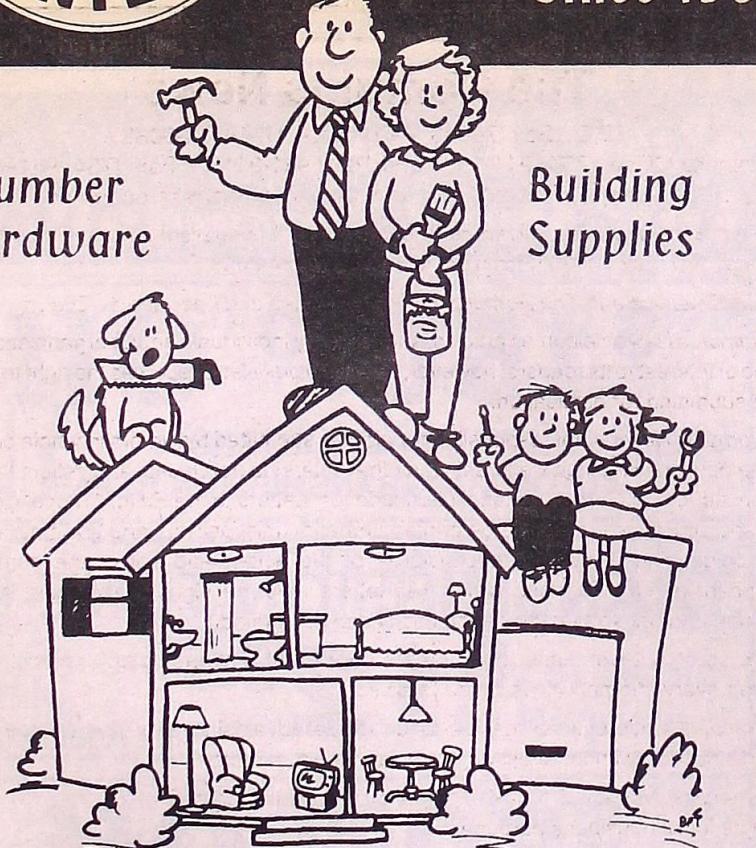


(From left) David Cox, Assistant to the Mayor; John Juriga, President, Boys and Girls Club Advisory Council; and Dr. William Bedell, Romulus Community Schools Superintendent.



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Romulus Boys and Girls Club Hosts Grand Opening

On Thursday, December 10, the newly formed Romulus Boys and Girls Club hosted a grand-opening celebration at Merriman Elementary School. About 200 students, parents, and local dignitaries were in attendance for the ribbon-tying and refreshments.

"Today is possible because the City of Romulus, our school district, the churches, and the community have worked in a unified effort for kids," said John Juriga, President of the Romulus Club's Advisory Council. Juriga, who was instrumental in the Club's formation, has worked diligently to recruit young people from throughout the City.

Introducing members of his staff was Frank Rigger, Director of the Romulus Boys and Girls Club.

"Romulus people are the best," said Rigger, who has been associated with the Boys and Girls Clubs for 27 years. "I am proud to be appointed the first director, excited about the programs we of-

fer, and determined to make this club the best in the State."

Although Mayor William Oakley was unable to attend the grand opening, his assistant, David Cox, was on hand.

"Mayor Oakley extends a warm and cordial welcome to the Romulus Boys and Girls Club," Cox said. "Since he is out of town, he wanted me to tell you that the City supports the Club, and is pleased that they will become an active community member, supporting and training our young people."

Also present were City Councilmen William Crova and Donald Morris.

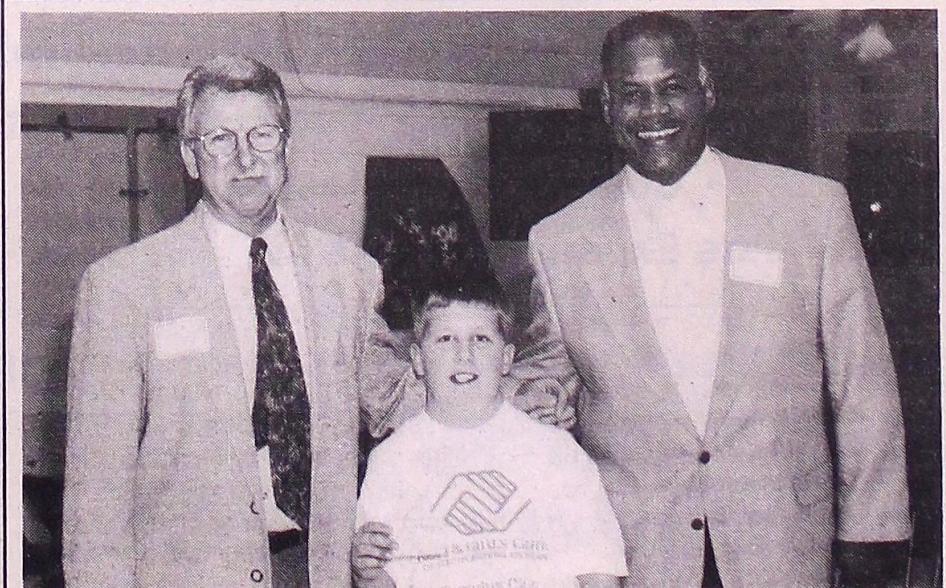
"This is a real step forward for Romulus," said Crova. The history of the Boys and Girls Club is one of outstanding success and service. They provide outstanding opportunities for our children to become responsible and productive citizens."

Councilman Morris agreed.

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Romulus Boys and Girls Club Director Frank Rigger (center) is welcomed by City Councilmen William Crova (left) and Donald Morris.



John Juriga, President of the Romulus Boys and Girls Club Advisory Council (left), and Romulus Board of Education Secretary Michael Woods welcome new Club member Caleb Tipton, who proudly displays his membership card.

Pollution Solution at Merriman



Student Council and Safety Patrol members are part of the "Pollution Solution" at Merriman Elementary School.

When a few of the students at Merriman Elementary School approached Principal Shellie Moore with their concerns about the litter polluting their school's grounds, Moore was quick to respond. She contacted Student Council Advisor Gina Carter, who presented the problem to the Merriman Student Council.

The Council's solution was to enlist the assistance of all Student Council and Safety Patrol members for a new cleanup project, "Pollution Solution," to be conducted under the supervision of Carter.

Outfitted with rubber gloves and trash bags, the students walked their school's grounds, picking up trash, bottles, and any other litter they could find. Their efforts were so successful that the group now plans to meet twice a month to maintain their clean environment.

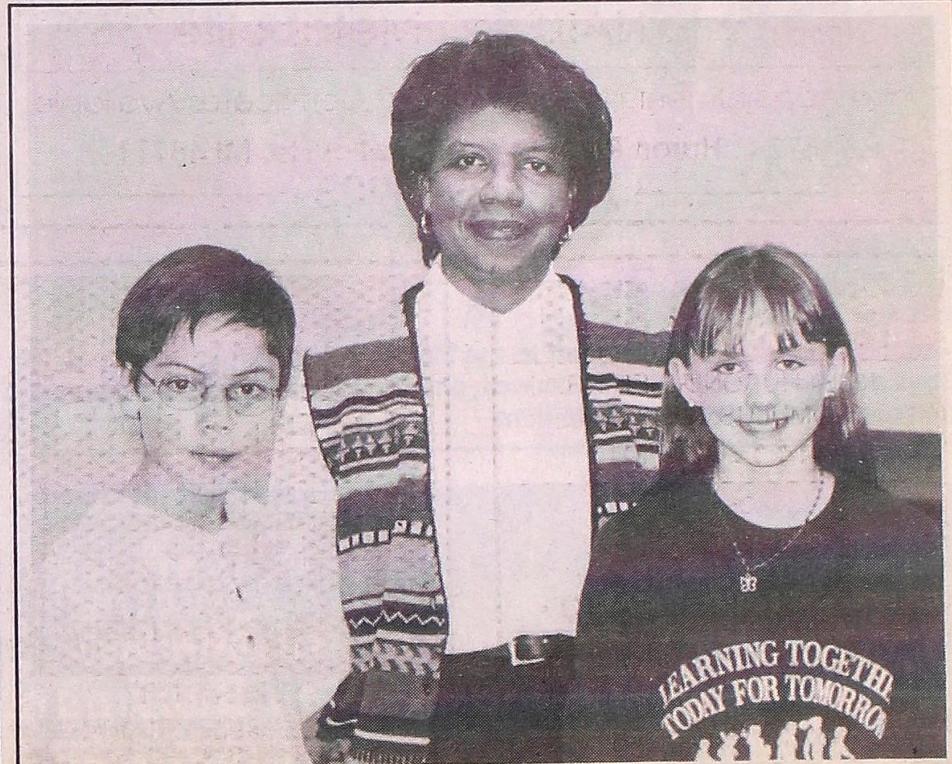
Principal Moore greatly appreciated her students' dedication and hard work.

"I was proud to join them in this successful effort to make our school grounds clean," she stated. "The students were serious workers who got a lot of satisfaction from performing an outstanding job." □

Rister Wins Barth Spelling Bee

When 20 top spellers from Barth Elementary's fifth- and sixth-grade classes competed in the school's annual *Detroit News* spelling bee, Jessica Shelton emerged as the runner-up behind champion Erick Rister. The two went head to head for eight rounds

before Shelton misspelled "economist." After correctly spelling Shelton's word, Rister went on to give the proper spelling for "geologist" and be declared the winner. With his victory, Rister will move on to the regional bee, set for February 1999. □



Principal Jeffery Royal congratulates Barth Spelling Bee Champion Erick Rister and Runner-up Jessica Shelton.

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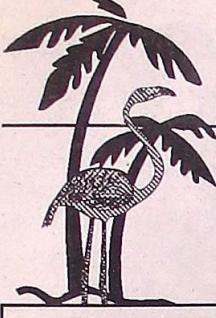
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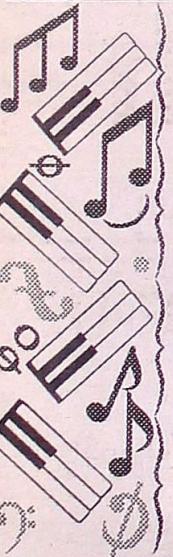
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Merriman Dads Deliver!



(From left) Fifth-grader Jacell Green, parent volunteer Dan Blankney, sixth-grader Sawaira Sheikh, and parent volunteer Aaron Dismuke pose near the Merriman Star Cart.

Each Friday afternoon, fathers Dan Blankney and Aaron Dismuke volunteer to "man" the Merriman School Star Cart. The cart is so named because students use stars that they've earned for good behavior to "purchase" school supplies from it.

Dismuke welcomes the opportunity to work in the school.

"It brings back fond memories for me," he explained. "I love to see the excitement in the kids' eyes as they choose their rewards."

Blankney also enjoys doing volunteer work: "It's fun to be here and see how a school is run today. Things sure have changed since I was in elementary school."

Principal Shellie Moore is happy to have the dads working in her school.

"Of course we appreciate all the women who come to school to help," said Moore. "However, since quite a few of the children don't have an adult male figure in their home, the fathers who volunteer fill a special role." □

Santa's Secret Workshop

At Barth's "Santa's Secret Workshop," flashlights for dads and necklaces for moms were the most popular gifts chosen by student shoppers. The annual event is sponsored and operated by the Parent Teacher Organization.

Amanda Savage Plank has chaired the event for the past two years.

"Although most of our projects are

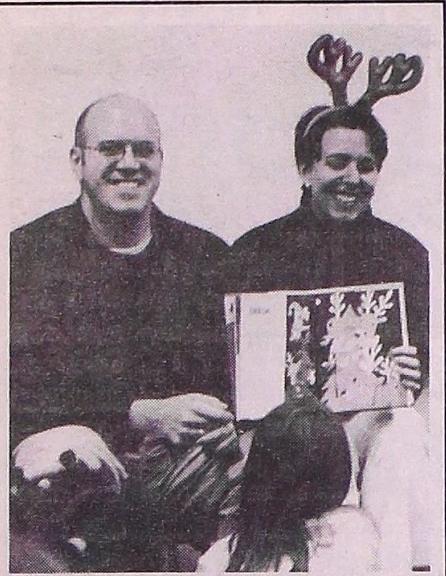
fund-raisers, we don't really make money on this one because we price the items at our cost," she explained. "The idea is to give the students a chance to buy small gifts for family members without them being present."

Helper Lisa Hadyniak added, "It's fun to help the children purchase that perfect gift for someone they love." □



Barth sixth-graders Stephen Baker and Audra Howard shop at their school's "Santa's Secret Workshop" while PTO members and workshop helpers (back, from left) Lisa Hadyniak, Debbie Wilkewicz, and Amanda Savage Plank look on.

Olive the Reindeer Visits Barth



Bob Bales and Lauren Comai introduce the book, *Olive the Reindeer*, to children at Barth.

"You've heard of Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, but today you will hear about Olive, the Other Reindeer," said Bob Bales as he introduced an *Olive the Reindeer* book and slide show to the students of Barth Elementary. Bob and his reading companion, Lauren Comai, came to the school at

the invitation of his sister, Becky Bales, who has been teaching at Barth for two years.

"He has always enjoyed children," Becky said of her brother. "Bob loves to read, and, since he works for Waldenbooks, he is acquainted with hundreds of wonderful books for children. We thought it would be a nice treat to have them not only read the famous Christmas story to the children, but to illustrate it with slides, as well. The children really enjoyed their visit."

Moving from one classroom to the next, Bob Bales set up and operated the slide show while Comai, wearing special reindeer antlers, read the story with power and wonderful expression. The children listened intently and applauded their appreciation when the story was finished.

"I was very impressed with the students' behavior," said Comai. "It was great fun to see their reactions and to hear how much they appreciated our effort."

At the end of the program, each student received *Olive the Reindeer* activity sheets and a bookmark, compliments of Waldenbooks. □

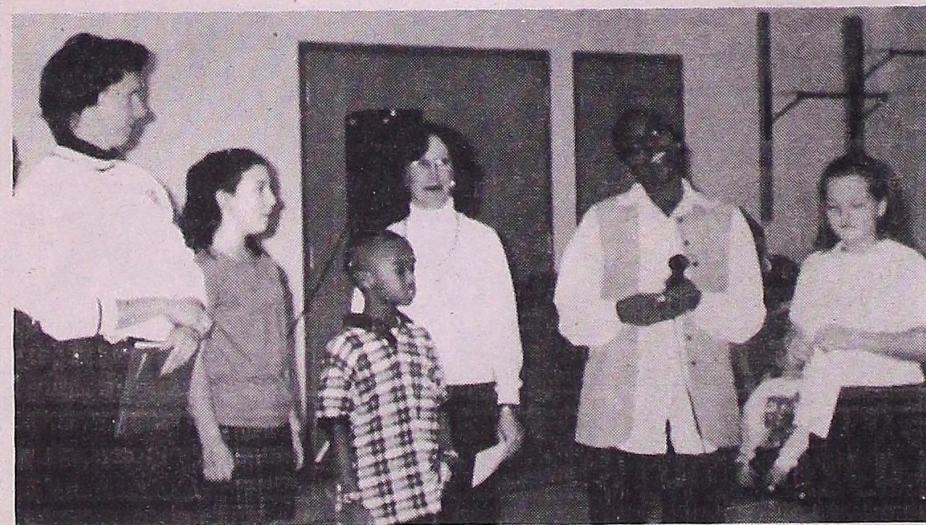
Cory Projects Benefit Needy

Due to the enormous success of several fund-raisers and drives, Cory Elementary was able to make a significant contribution to the area's needy this holiday season.

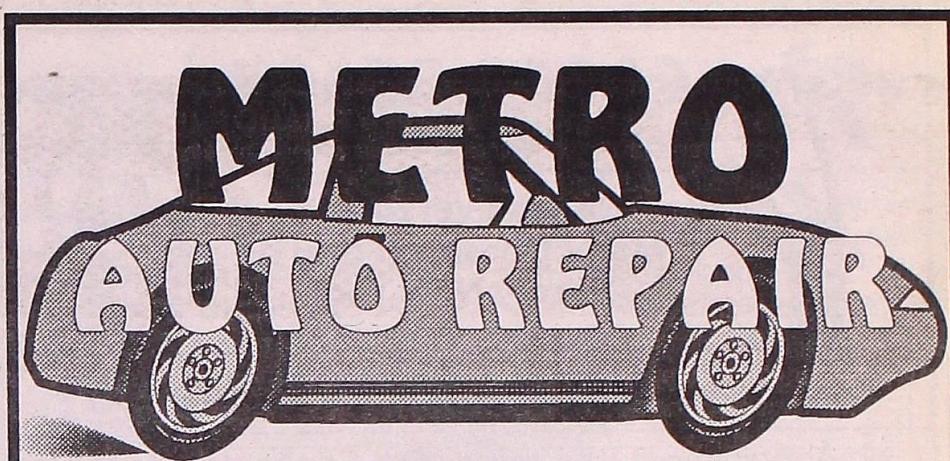
- Reverend Rita Talley and fellow Parent Coordinator Lisa Savitskie organized a school-wide toys/toiletries drive that led to a donation of 49 wrapped packages to the Romulus Goodfellows.
- CAIC paraprofessionals Phyllis Kreft and Irene Sandusky organized a penny drive that raised a total of \$600 for the Goodfellows.

- Teachers Tanya Cristini and Carmyn Walker put on a "soup night" program that raised \$237.50 (half of which went to the Goodfellows, half to the First Baptist Church of Romulus for its year-round soup kitchen).
- Food was collected during an after-school dance where canned goods were the price of admission.

Cory would like to thank Cottage Inn, First Baptist Church, Kegger's, Kozy Korner, Metro Coney Island, Romulus House, Romulus IGA, and WonderHostess Thrift Shop for their generous donations to the "soup night" fund-raiser. □



Romulus Police Officer Rose Cooper (far left) accepts a check from Cory Elementary School paraprofessionals Phyllis Kreft and Irene Sandusky (fourth and fifth from the left, respectively) and students (from left) Kim Wilson, Darius Coleman, and Jessica Sears on behalf of the Romulus Goodfellow organization.



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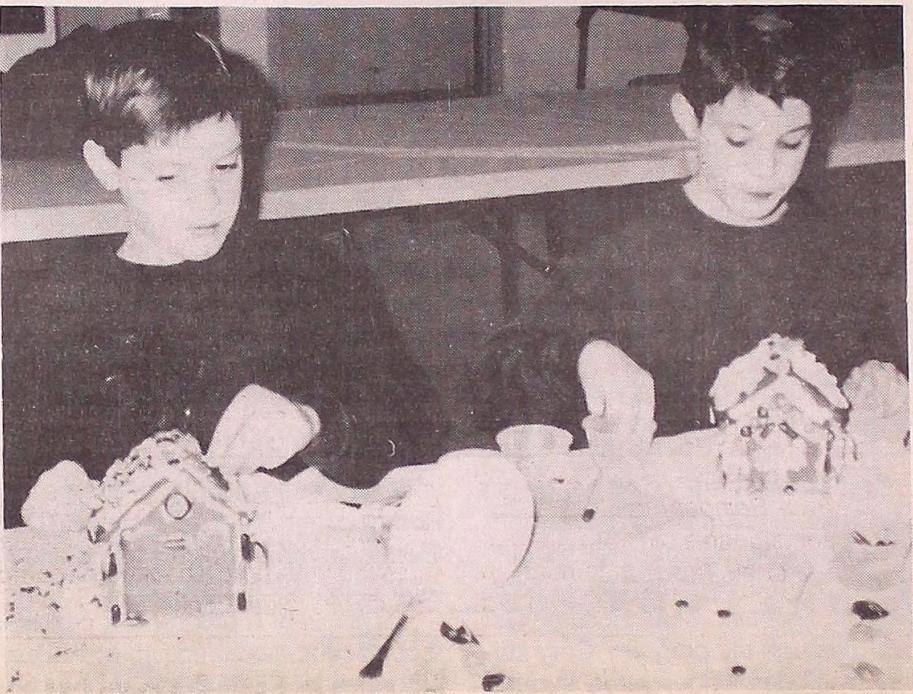


Romulus Tower residents have really gotten into the spirit of the holidays. Their lobby and community areas feature three holiday trees, including one with hats and mittens for the needy, one decorated with angels, and this one.



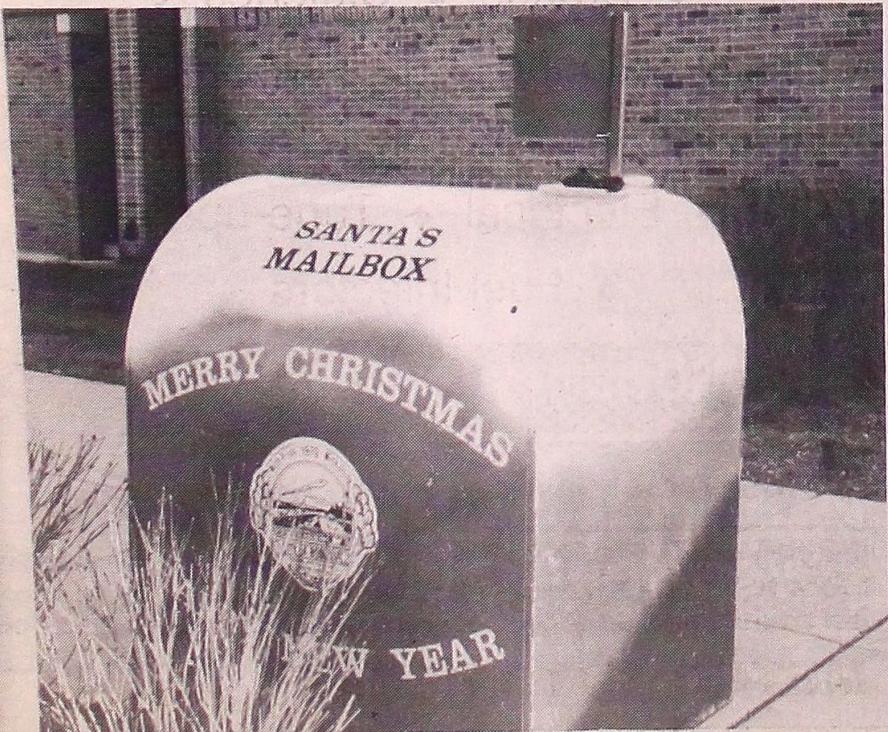
More than a dozen children attended the Romulus Public Library's annual tree-trim to make garlands of cranberries, popcorn, and colored paper, as well as two gingerbread-man ornaments – one for the Library's tree, one for home.

The Stuff of Which Dreams Are Made



Hard at work on their deliciously delightful gingerbread houses were James "J.R." Nelson and Sean Nelson, who attended Romulus Senior Center Program Coordinator Linda Norman's class on December 12. Norman would like to thank apprentice cooks Jennifer and Jessica Dick, who helped her bake the gingerbread slabs in preparation for the class, and volunteers Ron Dick, Gerald Norman, Jackie Pregler, Louise Shropshire, and Vi Willoughby for taking time to help out.

A Note to the Big Guy



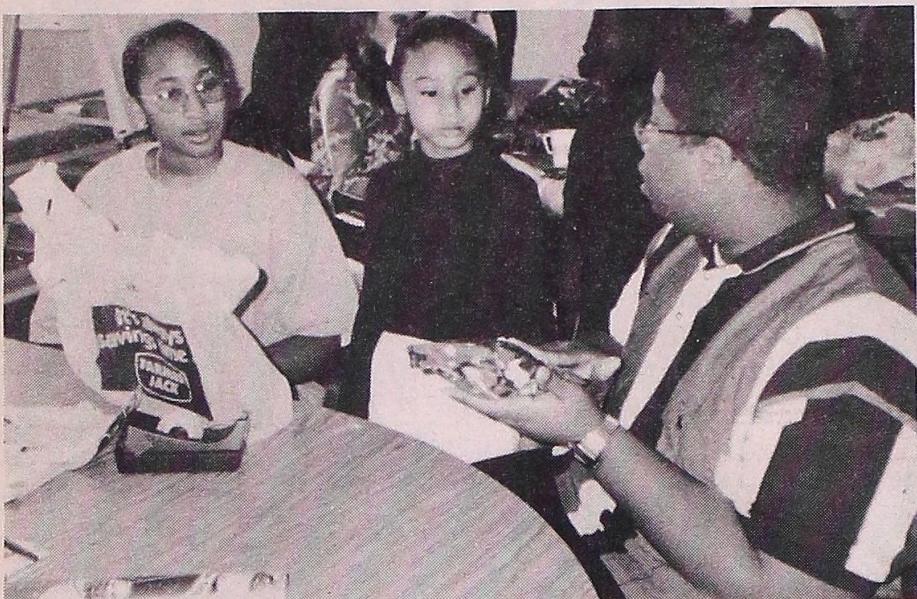
Youngsters who posted their letters to Santa at this special mailbox (in front of the Romulus Public Library) received a letter in return.

Kids Munch Lunch with Santa



Sheila and John Watts were among 39 children who stopped in at the Romulus Recreation Center on December 12 to have lunch with Santa. The Center's staff would like to thank Santa for dropping by to visit, and is also grateful to volunteers Jackie Pregler, Louise Shropshire, and Vi Willoughby for all their help.

Students Shop for Mom and Dad at Optimist Holiday Shop



National Honor Society students LaNeda Davis and Oliver Buffington wrap a gift for kindergartner Chelsea Smith.

"My parents are going to be so proud," exclaimed one Cory kindergartner as he stood in line to get his gifts wrapped at the third annual Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club Holiday Gift Shop. Through the program, Cory students in grades kindergarten through three had an opportunity to choose two gifts, then have them wrapped by National Honor Society volunteers from Romulus High School to take home for the holiday. The gift items were donated by the Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club, the National Honor Society, and New Hope Baptist Church.

The Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club is an affiliate of Optimist International, whose motto is "Friend of Youth." The local chapter sponsors various community-service activities throughout the

year for young people in Wayne and Romulus, and is a special friend to Cory Elementary, with which it has formed a partnership for education.

"This year's program is centered around educational, social, and cultural programs for the betterment of all children," explained Mae Jackson, the Club's community-service chairperson. "Projects planned for the coming year include a VIP reading activity celebrating National Reading Month, career speakers, and programs on drug-awareness, respect for law, and bicycle safety."

In accordance with another of the Club's seasonal programs - "Warm a Child" - Optimist members recently delivered a number of hats, gloves, and scarves to Cory Principal Phyllis Adkins to distribute to children this winter. □



Helping young shoppers choose their gifts were (from left) Henry Nolen (President, Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club), Sheila Barden (Optimist member), Mae Jackson (Community-service Chairperson), Opal McClendon (Optimist Secretary), Vivian Holifield (Optimist Second Vice-president), and Helen Smith (New Hope Missionary Society).

LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out a heartfelt message to all our faithful readers.

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15
16	17	18
19	20	21
22	23	24
25	26	27
28	29	30
31	32	33
34	35	36
37	38	39

DEFINITIONS

1. Haggles; dickers
2. Wine mixed with brandy, sugar, fruit juice, and soda water
3. Barley and rye, for example
4. Among his 12 "labors" was the subjugation of Cerberus
5. Staggers
6. Intestinal ailments
7. Neck scarf
8. Tortilla treat
9. Collapsible bed
10. *Highway* _____
11. _____ bear
12. Spoken rather than written
13. Speak softly
14. Pass from existence
15. Home of Bilbo and Frodo
16. Soundness of mind
17. Loathsome; repulsive
18. Laurel or Musial
19. Mold; fashion
20. Pile
21. Word preceding soup or jacket
22. Square-dancing party
23. Stiff
24. Possessed
25. Exhilarated
26. Greek letter
27. Social engagement
28. Tendon
29. Fermented juice
30. "The moon on the breast of the fallen snow..."
31. Dims
32. She sang about a "Smooth Operator"
33. Word preceding horse or lion
34. Place
35. It's Spanish for "street"
36. Narrow, confining room
37. A Spice Girl
38. Mistakes made by a fumble-fingered secretary
39. Chooses

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "NEW YEAR"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in NEW YEAR? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

For our list of 26 words (three of which are "alternate spellings"), plus the LEAPFROG solution, please see page 14

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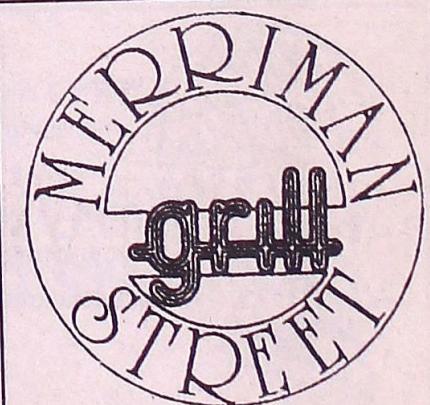
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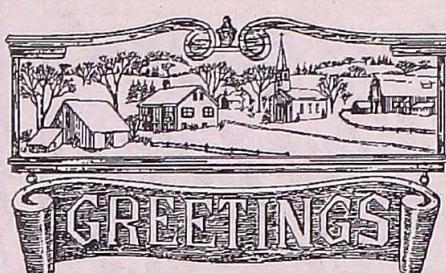
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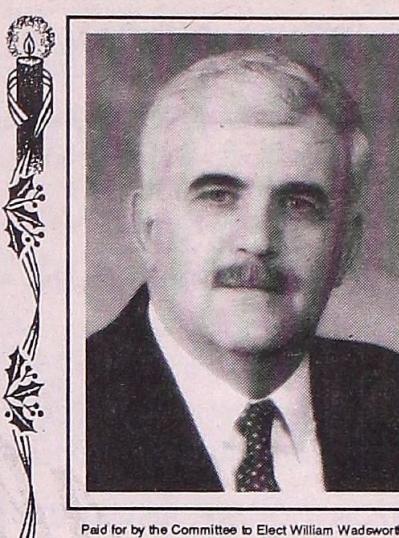


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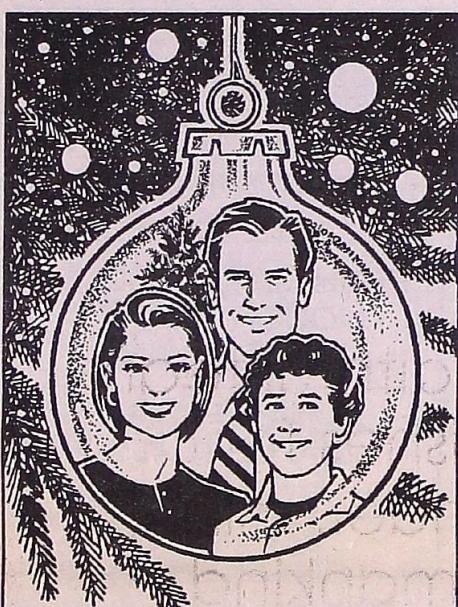


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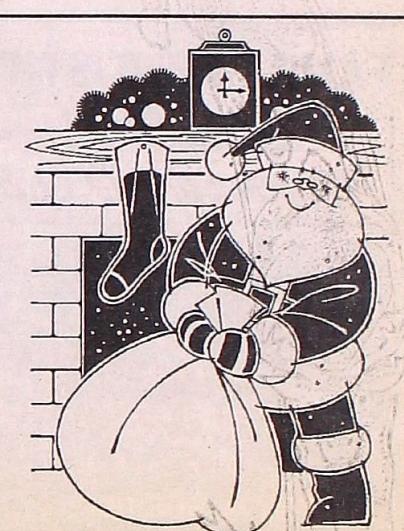
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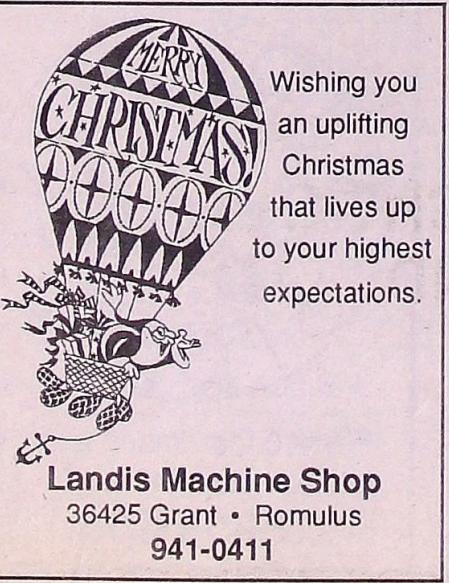
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(From left) Student Council Vice-president Avery Stephenson, fifth-graders Dennis Evans and Chris Case, Student Council Sponsor Theresa Blizman and Council President Elyse Hooks proudly show off the food items that their school will donate to the Romulus Goodfellows.

Under the direction of Barth School's Student Council and Sponsor Theresa Blizman, more than 1,000 food items were collected for donation to the Romulus Goodfellow organization.

"The students wanted to do a school-wide project to help others, so they decided that they would collect food for those who are less fortunate," said Blizman. "I know that the Goodfellows help many needy families in Romulus, so we decided to work with them."

Students collected food items for two weeks, keeping track of who made the biggest contribution to the drive. Fifth-grade students Chris Case and Dennis Evans were the individual winners, with 25 and 20 items, respectively.

"This food drive was a good experience," said Council President Elyse Hooks. "We were happy to sponsor it."

Added Blizman, "When children help the needy, they learn that there is more in giving than receiving." □

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Answers

answers to puzzles from page 8
LEAPFROG:

- 1) bargains; 2) sangria; 3) grains
- 4) Hercules; 5) lurches; 6) ulcers
- 7) ascot; 8) taco; 9) cot
- 10) Patrol; 11) polar; 12) oral
- 13) whisper; 14) perish; 15) Shire
- 16) sanity; 17) nasty; 18) Stan
- 19) shape; 20) heap; 21) pea
- 22) hoedown; 23) wooden; 24) owned
- 25) elated; 26) delta; 27) date
- 28) sinew; 29) wine; 30) new
- 31) fades; 32) Sade; 33) sea
- 34) locale; 35) calle; 36) cell
- 37) Sporty; 38) typos; 39) opts

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- Cinderella** – The Romulus Recreation Center is organizing a trip to Northville to see a production of *Cinderella* on Saturday, December 19. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child. The Center's van will depart from the Recreation building at 1:30 p.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 per person. Preregistration (by 5 p.m. Friday, December 18) is required. For more information, call 734-942-6852.
- Pet Pictures with Santa** – Bring your favorite pet to the Romulus Animal Shelter (on Goddard Road just east of Wayne Road) and have its picture taken with Santa on Monday, December 21, between 1 and 4 p.m. Cost is just \$2. For more information, contact the Animal Shelter at 734-942-7591.
- Special Events at St. Paul's Church** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at 19109 Craig Street, New Boston) will host the following special events during the month of December: **Advent Worship** (December 23 at 7 p.m.) and **Christmas Worship** (Christmas Eve Sunday School Program at 6:30 p.m. December 24; Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 10 p.m. December 24; Christmas Day Worship at 10 a.m. December 25; and New Year's Eve Worship at 7 p.m. December 31). For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- Youtheatre Offers *Babes in Toyland*** – Youtheatre's "Wiggle Club" (for children ages three to six) presentation of *Babes in Toyland* has been set for Saturday, December 19 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, December 20 (2 p.m.) at the Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$7 when purchased in advance; \$8 at the door. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- New Year's Eve Party** – Romulus Fire Stations #2 and #4 will host their annual New Year's Eve Party/Fund-raiser at Romulus Progressive Hall on Thursday, December 31, 1998, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. (dinner served at 8 p.m.). Admission (\$50/couple; \$30/single) covers a champagne toast, beer, setups (BYOB), door prizes, and entertainment provided by D.J. Gary O'Brien. For tickets, or for more information, call Jim (734-941-0242), George (734-721-3552), or Kevin (734-955-2958).
- Exercise: Where To Begin** – Oakwood Healthcare System's "Exercise: Where To Begin" – a free program for cardiac patients and/or people with risk factors such as high blood-pressure or high cholesterol – will meet Wednesday, January 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (33155 Annapolis, Wayne). For more information, call 313-791-4557.
- Adult CPR** – Oakwood Healthcare System will offer training in Adult CPR at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center (33155 Annapolis, Wayne) on Wednesday, January 13, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 (\$7.50 – OHA; free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members). Call 800-543-WELL.
- Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Board Meets** – The Romulus Adolescent Health Center Advisory Board will meet in the Media Center at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) on Tuesday, January 19, at 2:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.
- Heart Health Screening** – Oakwood Healthcare System will host a Heart Health Screening from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, January 21, at Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn (upper level, near Saks). Free blood-pressure check; \$8 cholesterol check (\$4 – OHA; free to authorized Head Start and Oakwood Healthcare Plan members). No preregistration required. For information, call 800-543-WELL.
- Wait Until Dark** – The Huron Civic Theatre (located at 32044 Huron River Drive in New Boston) will present *Wait Until Dark* the weekends of February 5–7 and February 13–14. Performances will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. on Sundays. For ticket information, please call the HCT Box Office: 734-782-5380.
- Kentuckians of Michigan Host Weekly Events** – The Kentuckians of Michigan host the following events each week at Liberty Park (located on Bredow Road in Romulus): **Live Bluegrass Music/Buffet** (Fridays, 7:30 to 11 p.m.; \$5 admission/ additional \$5 for food) and **Bluegrass/Country Jam Session** (Sundays, 3 to 7 p.m.; \$3 admission/ additional \$5 for food). Children welcome! For more information, contact Mary Jo Smiley, Program Director, at 313-381-3382.
- TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #MI1690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/year + \$1/week (first visit free).
- Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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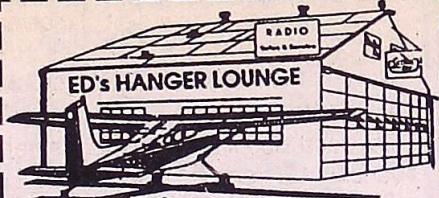
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Grand Opening for Boys and Girls Club

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"This is a fine beginning," he stated. "I support their efforts to provide another safe place for our youth. I wish them much success, and I pledge my support."

The Boys and Girls Clubs of South-eastern Michigan is a youth organization that's dedicated to providing a positive environment that will support its members' development into responsible, self-reliant, caring adults. Boys and girls ages six through 18 (grades one through 12) are welcome to join.

Among those on hand to represent the school district were Dr. William Bedell, Superintendent, and Board of Education Secretary Michael Woods.

"A child's education is determined by his experiences during the formative years. Parents, school, church, and community are extremely important," said Bedell. "The Romulus Boys and Girls Club that we dedicate today will be another positive experience for those

students who become involved in it."

Added Woods, "Once again, our efforts of cooperation have resulted in a positive program for Romulus citizens and students. The Boys and Girls Club is a well-known, well-run organization that offers a positive and safe place for children."

Although the Boys and Girls Club currently meets at Merriman School, plans for the construction of a Club facility are being discussed. At this time, the Club is open after school each Tuesday through Friday (until 8:30 p.m.), and also on Saturdays (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). A full-time professional staff, along with part-time instructors, volunteers, and student-aides, provide leadership and informal guidance for a variety of individual, small-group, and drop-in activities.

The Boys and Girls Club's Winter Program (January 5–April 3, 1999) is about to begin. For more information on how to join, call 734-941-6900. □

Halecreek Offers Tennis Lessons

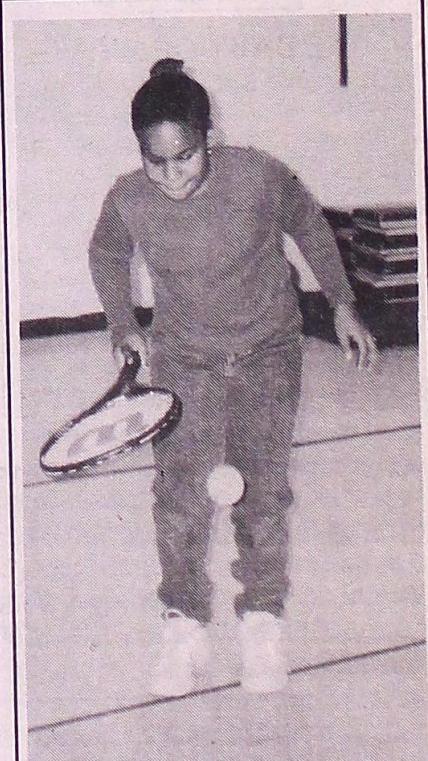
"We did a lot of fun activities during our tennis lessons," said fifth-grader Ileana Usztics. "I learned how to swing the racket and do a lot of cool tricks."

Fellow fifth-grader Katie Drayton added, "Tennis was so much fun. I learned how to serve and shoot forehand and backhand. I want to do it again."

Each student received a Wilson tennis racket at the end of the four-week session. □



Ileana Usztics



Katie Drayton

This fall, Halecreek School, Wilson Rackets, and the United States Tennis Association teamed up to offer fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade students an opportunity to participate in U.S.A. Tennis 1-2-3, a low-cost, introductory instructional program designed to teach basic skills to new players in a group setting.

Physical-education teacher Bill Baum, teacher Phil Yaccick, and Phil's mother, Shirley Yaccick, volunteered their time and talents to instruct the 66 student participants.

During weekly "U.S.A. Tennis 1-2-3" lessons, Mara Thorne practices bouncing the ball.

Flyers Football

Awards Banquet Caps Off Season

When the Romulus Athletic Club concluded a fantastic fall season with its annual awards banquet, a record crowd of 359 people were in attendance. (The previous record was 343.)

The event's primary purpose was to honor the 141 football players and cheerleaders who participated in the Club's fall sports program. Also recognized were the many parents and friends who were the Flyers' backbone of support.

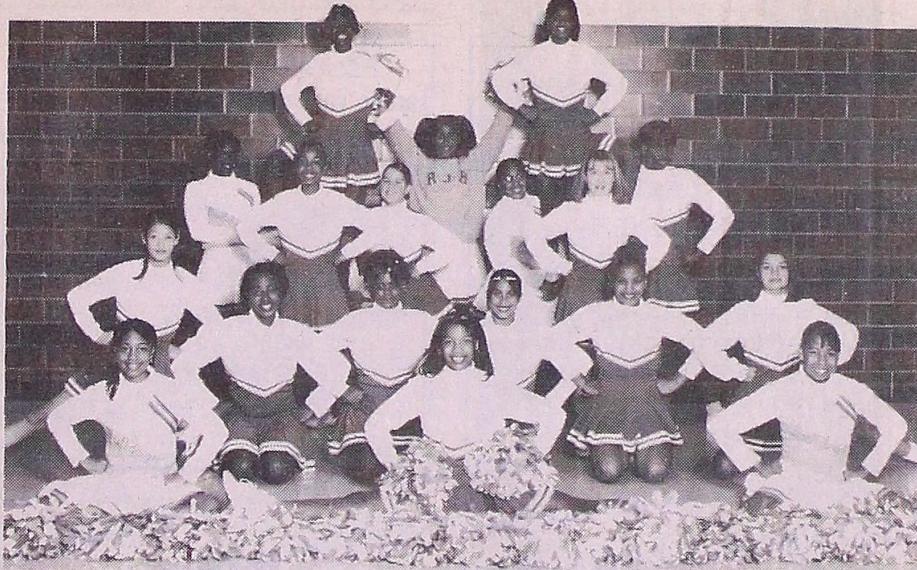
Each year, in addition to the trophies which are given to every athlete, the Romulus Athletic Club bestows two major awards for service and dedication. The first—the Becker-Wilhide award—is given to an adult; the second—the Ron Coleman Award for Excellence—is given to a young person. Both awards are named for people who were deeply involved in the organization before their untimely deaths took them away. This year's Becker-Wilhide recipient was Ted Holton. Ron Coleman Awards were given to Jody and Nicole Bright.

Others recognized during the eve-

ning were 11 varsity players who, having played their last game for the Flyers, received "retirement" plaques. Their number included Andrew Blankinship, Perry Gray, and Maurice Warren, all of whom had played the maximum of six years with the organization. Also receiving retirement awards were two coaches: Otha Green, who served as Assistant Coach for the Varsity squad for seven years, and Arthur Herbert, who gave eight years of service to the Romulus Athletic Club, including four as Varsity Head Coach.

Special plaques were awarded to members of the Flyers' junior varsity team to commemorate their fantastic run to the League's championship game. During the presentation, the team and its assistant coaches surprised Head Coach John Wester with a glass case containing a team ball signed by all the players and coaches. The episode brought tears to the eyes of Wester, who "broke character" and became somewhat emotional, delaying the ceremony for several minutes. □

RMS Cheerleaders Qualify for Nationals



(Left to right, from bottom) Romulus Middle School's cheerleading squad (asterisks denote those girls who were chosen by Coach Angela Wester to participate in the regional competition): Brianna Smith, *Della Hamby, *Karron Smith, NaTasha Tao, *Loretta Ransaw, LeKiesha Jones, *Felicia Annoor, *Fallon Sanders, Rebecca Thornton, *Lynsie Ransaw, Deniese Wright, Areale Yharbrough, Kristinia Scott, Angelitia Gray, *Theresa Lang, *Brandy Hamilton, Nicole Miller, and *LaToya Pillow. (Not pictured: *Lechaunte Ellerson.)

By placing first in their division at the National High School Cheerleading Championship regional competition, several members of the Romulus Middle School Bulldog cheerleading squad have qualified to participate in the national competition, to be held February 6-10 at Walt Disney World Resort.

The Bulldogs' coach, Angela Wester, noted that no Romulus cheerleading squad has ever before qualified for the championship series.

"This was a bit of a surprise," said Wester. "Now we have to get the support of the school system and the community so that we can afford to go." □

Upcoming Athletics at Romulus High School

Varsity/JV Volleyball

- (JV only) Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) Invitational (Fri., Dec. 18, 3:30 p.m.)
- (Varsity only) Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) Invitational (Sat., Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 11, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Jan. 13, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Jefferson (Monroe) Invitational (Sat., Jan. 16, TBA)
- Willow Run (Ypsilanti) at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 18, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Dearborn Heights) (Wed., Jan. 20, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Gibraltar) (Wed., Jan. 27, 6:00 p.m.)
- (Varsity only) Mid-Winter Tournament at Romulus (Sat., Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m.)

*Varsity Coach: Paul Niedermeyer.
JV Coach: Denise Mehl.*

Freshmen Volleyball

- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Dearborn Heights) (Mon., Jan. 11, 3:45 p.m.)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Wed., Jan. 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Taylor) (Mon., Jan. 18, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Southgate (Wed., Jan. 20, 3:45 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Mon., Jan. 25, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Wed., Jan. 27, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Woodhaven Tournament (Sat., Jan. 29, TBA)

Head Coach: Angie Slifka.

Wrestling

- Romulus at Monroe (Thurs., Jan. 7, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Milan Invitational (Sat., Jan. 9, TBA)
- Wyandotte and Adrian at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 14, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus Royal Invitational (Sat., Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m.)
- Carlson (Gibraltar) at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 21, 6:00 p.m.)
- Romulus at Trenton (Thurs., Jan. 28, 6:00 p.m.)
- (Varsity only) Avondale Tournament (Sat., Jan. 30, TBA)

*Head Coach: Jason Balcom.
Assistant Coach: Kevin Ladach.
JV Coach: Stephen Wisniewski.*

Upcoming Athletics at Romulus High School

Varsity/JV Basketball

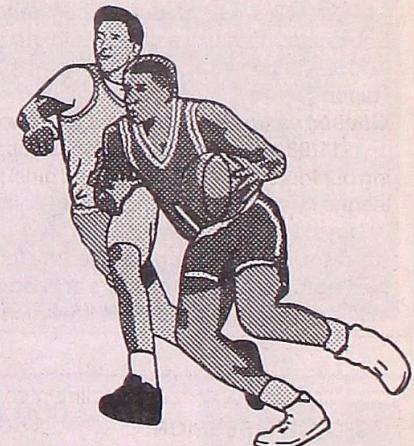
- River Rouge at Romulus (Fri., Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Tue., Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m.)
- Monroe at Romulus (Fri., Jan. 8, 5:30 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.)
- Belleville at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 19, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) (Fri., Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln (Ypsilanti) (Tue., Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m.)

*Varsity Coach: Guy DelGiudice.
JV Coach: Karl Wukie.*

Freshmen Basketball

- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Fri., Jan. 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville I at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Ypsilanti) (Fri., Jan. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville II (Tue., Jan. 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., Jan. 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Tue., Jan. 26, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Fri., Jan. 29, 3:45 p.m.)

Head Coach: Mercer Bryson.



Boys' Basketball at the Middle School

- Romulus at Willow Run (Thurs., Jan. 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville North at Romulus (Tue., Jan. 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Thurs., Jan. 14, 3:45 p.m.)

*Coaches:
Troy Williams (Eighth Grade),
Brian McCallister (Seventh Grade).*

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REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 23, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 23, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Howard J. Kesner.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

11/98/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Webb to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

11/98/10 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of November 9, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

None.

Bills for Payment

11/98/11 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Preschool Report

Mr. Earl Cornett updated the Board of Education on the goals, objectives, and activities of the Preschool Committee this year.

McKenna Contract

McKenna Associates, Inc., have been hired as consultants for professional services for the Community Recreation Center and the Swimming Pool subcommittees. This is an item of information.

Lobbyist Election Analysis

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed a copy of the data that was sent to us by our lobbyist, Dennis Cawthorne, concerning what is happening in Lansing.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Various members of the audience expressed their opinions and/or concerns with the Board of Education relative to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Meriweather – Athletes/Scholars; 2) "Thank You" – Senior Citizens; 3) MAISL Welcomes U of M Dearborn; 4) Ken Berlinn Articles; and 5) High School Annual Report.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

11/98/12 Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to pass a resolution congratulating our football team for 1998 and girls' basketball team for last year and this year for being league champions, and, further, to commend our coaches on their professionalism. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Debbie Dick discussed the following points: 1) Halecreek Science Fair; 2) CPR training for lunchroom mothers or head cooks; 3) employment requirements for lunchroom mothers; and 4) asked what the lunch procedures were for the Middle and High School Alternative School.

Mrs. Eva Webb requested the review of workshops.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi complimented Halecreek's Science Night.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

11/98/13 Moved by Lenossi supported by Webb that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:32 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:17 P.M.

11/98/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to implement the 1998-99 salary schedule for the teacher bargaining unit. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 4. Nays: 3 (Dick, Lambert, and Webb). Motion carried.

Members Dick, Lambert, and Webb requested that the following explanation be entered into the record: "The reason for the negative vote was that they want a contract, and don't want this implementation to interfere with the negotiation process."

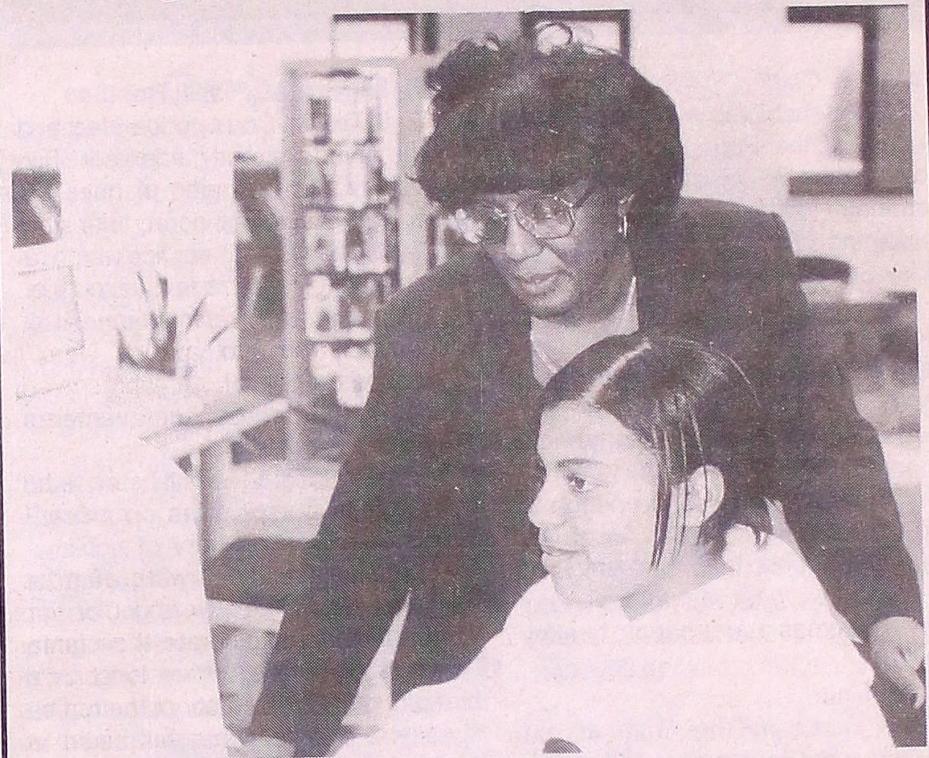
ADJOURNMENT:

11/98/15 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

High School Updates Software



Romulus High School Media Specialist Alberta Garrett checks the work of Honors Program student Jasmine Noble, who is using the new 4.0 ClarisWorks software recently installed on many computers at the High School.

RHS Students Honored

Romulus High School teachers selected a total of 64 students to receive November's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance. Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School Students of the Month (November): Amanda Bassett, Shanelle Bishop, Crystal Blair, Julian Bond, Lakrisha Broadnax, David Brown, David Brugh, Elizabeth Cabaret, Betty Jo Caines, Harrison Carter, Derek Cochran, Erin Conway, Sarah Cox, Andrea Deline, Tyra Donald, David Eakin, Heather Engle, Jaclyn Evans, Deborah Fox, Eric Franquist, Matt Gibbons, Candace Gibson, James Green, LaToya Hamilton, Cheree Hamlin, Marcus Hanna, Jennell Harper, Stephen Harper, Calvin Harris, Steven Hatfield, Shannon Herauf, Thomas Hughes, Danielle Judy, Rachel Laskaska, Cyekeia Lee, Rondra Lee, Consuelo Lovelady, Andrea Marosan, Lonnie McCollum, Steven Mientkiewicz, Candice Montgomery, David Moomaw, April Morones, Nicolle Moue, Quran Muhammad, Jennifer Nieman, Dana Noble, Phu Nugyen, Eugenia Parker, Shawna Pattenau, Anton Poole, Antionette Price, Geoffrey Raphael, Crys-

tal Renton, DeJuan Rusan, Fred Russell (Athlete), Jamahl Scott, Charles Searcy, Correy Seward, Alistair Sledd, Ebony Thompson, Christina Wands, Megan Wilson, and Roy Wolff.

Romulus High School Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough would like to thank the following sponsors for being Romulus High School's partners in education for the month of November: Airlines Parking, Inc.; Aztec Manufacturing Corp.; C & C Trailer Service; Chemcentral-Detroit; Dale G. Kennedy & Sons Warehouse, Inc.; Daly Drive-in-Romulus; Down River Pest Control; Elkins Machine & Tool Co.; Environ, Inc.; Form Flow, Inc.; Ganol, Inc.; G.M. Powertrain Division-General Motors Corp.; Graduate Services; Header Products, Inc.; Rhonda J. Hennessy, D.D.S.; Highway Maintenance & Construction Co.; Kiwanis Club of Michigan; Lear Seating Corp.; Art & Eva McDonald; Precision Hardware, Inc.; Romulus Community Schools staff members (Dr. William M. Bedell, Marjorie Fraley, Henry James, Don Kobane, Dr. Samuel La Monica, and Maryann Tyrchniewicz); Romulus Flowers & Gifts; Romulus Progressive Club; Kundan Sata, D.D.S.; Saw & Specialty Corp.; Stears True Value Hardware; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Trans-Overseas Corp.; and United Brass Manufacturers, Inc. □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Holidays!

A heartfelt thanks for the many beautiful cards and holiday wishes I've received from everyone kind enough to keep me in their thoughts. To all my friends throughout the community, I'd like to send my best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year.

Holiday Gala

This year's Holiday Gala will be held beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, December 28, at the new Double Tree Hotel on Wick Road in Romulus. The event will feature a wonderful holiday meal; music, magic, and other entertainments; door prizes (to be donated by a variety of local businesses); and lots of good company.

Admission is still just \$6, thanks largely to some very generous contributions from the Double Tree Hotel, U.S. Park, and Crane Funeral Home. Only a few tickets remain, so be sure to sign up right away if you would like to attend.

Chore Services Available for Lower-income Residents of All Ages

The Wayne Metropolitan Community Services Agency offers a low-cost chore service for lower-income residents of all ages. Chores should be noncontinuous maintenance tasks such as snow removal, wall washing, basement cleaning, minor home repair, etc.

Eligibility for the service is based on income vs. family size. For instance, a single person with an annual income of \$31,700 or below qualifies, as does a household of two with an income of \$36,250 or less, or a family of three with an income of \$40,750 or less. A representative of the Chore Service program is available at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon to determine eligibility and arrange for service. No appointment is necessary; proof of income is required.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

"Ask the Attorney" Will Resume

34th District Court Judge-elect and former "Ask the Attorney" volunteer Brian A. Oakley has arranged to have his associate, Steve Robinson, take over the "free legal advice" service which he began at the Center a few years ago. The next program is set for Wednesday, January 20, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Welcome, Steve!

Program Celebrates Achievements of African Americans

Several local VIPs will be on hand to give their perspectives on African-Americans' proud history of achievement on Tuesday, January 26, when the Romulus Senior Center and Club #1 join together to host a special program in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month. The speakers' presentations will begin at 10:30 a.m.; a light lunch will follow at noon. The program is free, but advance registration is required.

Computer Classes

The Romulus Senior Center has applied for grant money to fund some computer classes for next year, so Program Coordinator Linda Norman is in the process of taking a poll to determine how many people would consider taking this type of class, and what subjects would be of the most interest. Stop by or give her a call to let her know what you think.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.

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- **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(March 24; \$21)

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. Reservations must be made by 2 p.m. the day before. Call 942-6852. □

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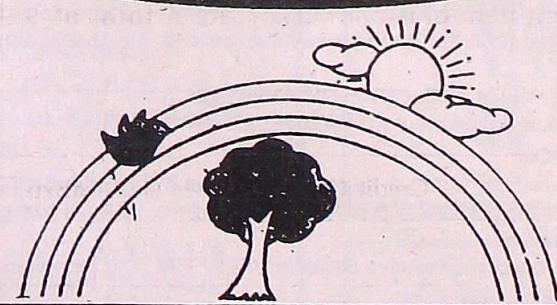
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Gleaners Community Food Bank is asking southeast Michigan residents to help purchase the trimmings to accompany holiday dinners for the hungry and poor. Each month, the organization distributes more than one million pounds of food to area soup kitchens, homeless shelters, church pantries, and other agencies – a total of more than 170 million pounds since 1977.

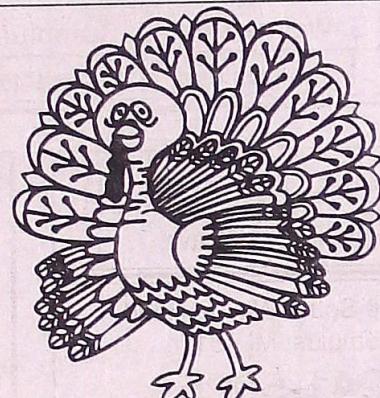
To make your contribution, simply fill out the coupon and mail it, along with a check, to Gleaners Community Food Bank. Gleaners will use your donation to purchase the cases of food that *you* designate on the coupon. All proceeds will be used for the purchase and distribution of food.

For additional information about Gleaners Community Food Bank, call 313-923-2552. □

"The holidays can be a 'turkey' without the trimmings."



Gleaners Community Food Bank is cooking up holiday dinners for the hungry and we need your help to provide all the trimmings! Gleaners will use your donation to buy the case(s) of food you select and distribute them FREE to over 300 soup kitchens, church pantries, emergency shelters, and other feeding agencies.



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Sweet Potatoes — 15 OZ. 24 / case		\$ 10.25	
Corn Muffin Mix — 18 OZ. 12 / case		\$ 8.25	
Pumpkin Pie Filling — 15 OZ. 24 / case		\$ 12.25	
Pie Crust Mix — 9 OZ. 24 / case		\$ 7.13	
Frozen Turkey — (check one)	\$ <input type="checkbox"/> 10 \$ <input type="checkbox"/> 20 \$ <input type="checkbox"/> 30		

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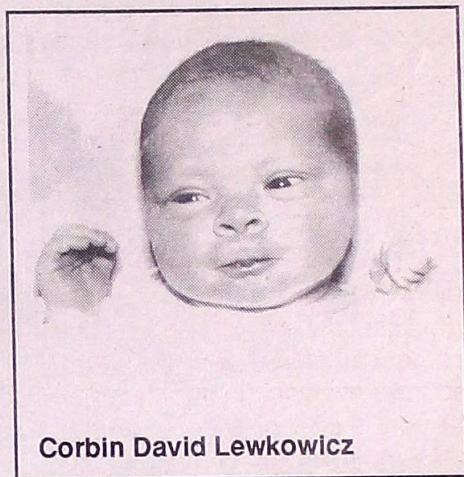
The Stork Arrived

Corbin David Lewkowicz

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Corbin David, are Paul and Mary Lewkowicz of Romulus, Michigan.

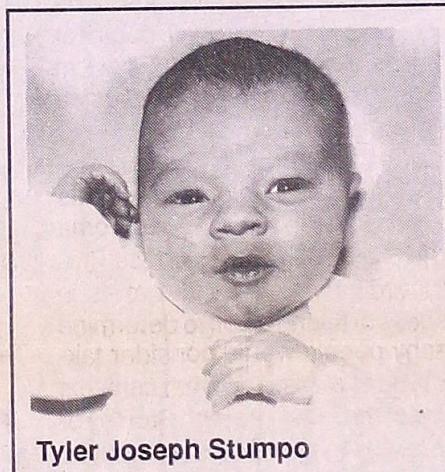
Corbin was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 10:12 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 1998, weighing in at eight pounds even and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Especially excited about Corbin's arrival were his big sisters, Keri Ann, Ashley, and Emily, as well as his paternal grandmother, Pauline Lewkowicz (Romulus, MI), and his maternal grandparents, George and Helen Deverich (Romulus, MI).



Corbin David Lewkowicz

Tyler Joseph Stumpo



Tyler Joseph Stumpo

Christine and Joseph Stumpo Jr. of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Tyler Joseph Stumpo.

Tyler was born in Beaumont Hospital (Royal Oak, MI) at 12:26 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998. He weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Among those giving Tyler a very warm welcome into the family were all his grandparents, Karen and Leonard Wallace (Redford, MI) and Karen Reams and Joseph Stumpo Sr. (both of Dearborn, MI). □

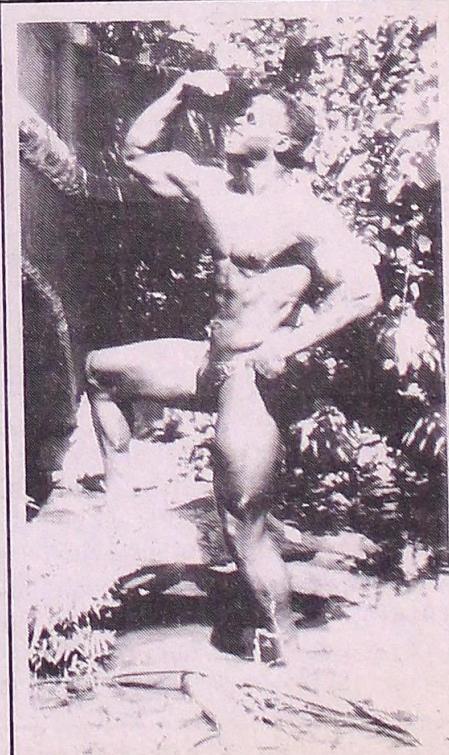
Congratulations

"Sir Huge" First in Midwest

Congratulations to George E. Long III – also known as "Sir Huge" – on winning the 1998 Natural Mr. Michigan Heavyweight Championship (July 18, 1998) and the NPC Midwest States Bodybuilding Championship (October 31, 1998). He is now nationally qualified, and plans to travel to New York in 1999 to contend in the Team Universe competition.

A former resident of Romulus, George is the brother of Detroit Piston Grant Long, nephew of longtime NBA player John Long, and cousin of another Romulus native, the Miami Heat's Terry Mills.

Currently, George and his wife Tori live in Ypsilanti with their children. The couple's new clothing line – called Sir Huge Training Gear – continues to grow (for a free brochure, write to the company at P.O. Box 2253, Belleville, MI 48112). Future plans include opening a new gym, which George and Tori hope to locate in Romulus. □



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